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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Joseph A. HERMAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/649,400

Examiner: BAYAT, B.B.

Filed: August 26, 2000

Art Unit: 3621

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIRTUAL SEALED-BID  
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NETWORK

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**PROPOSED CLAIMS**  
**FOR DISCUSSION AT INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER**

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Sir:

The following proposed amended claims are presented for discussion with the examiner at a personal interview and are not for official entry into the record as an amendment. Applicant has respectfully requested, and the examiner has graciously granted, an interview scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., and in view of the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005.

Accordingly, what is proposed is amendment of claim 1 as follows, without prejudice. No new matter is added. In addition, further below, applicant presents a brief outline of remarks, including summary of presentations and/or exhibits intended for consideration at the interview.

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